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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2007.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments are made.